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Title: AMERITHRAX;
MAJOR CASE # 184

Synopsis: Information related to Bioport Corporation, Lansing, Michigan.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed is an article from the Mail and Guardian, a South African publication. The article is dated 01/24/2003, and is titled, "SA general touted anthrax abroad".

Details: For information, on 01/30/2003, LARA was contacted by [redacted] Bioport Corporation (Bioport) located in Lansing, Michigan. Bioport is the only company, licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to manufacture the anthrax vaccine. [redacted] contacted LARA after receiving and reviewing the enclosed article.

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On 02/04/2003, LARA met with [redacted] at Bioport. [redacted] became aware of the article on 01/29/2003, after an employee in Bioport [redacted] identified as [redacted] was contacted by [redacted] from the Washington Post making inquiries. The article stated that [redacted] met with Bioport officials. According to the article, Project Coast was the name for South Africa's chemical and biological weapons program.

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[redacted] advised about one year ago, [redacted] had been in contact with Bioport officials after being referred to Bioport by [redacted] at offices located in Falls Church, Virginia. After being referred to Bioport by [redacted] telephonically contacted Bioport officials wanting to meet to discuss Bioport's related vaccine

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and to offer assistance. Although Bioport officials had told [redacted] that they didn't seen any opportunity to work with him, they agreed to meet with [redacted] at Dulles Airport in Washington, D.C. The Bioport officials that were going to meet with [redacted] were going to be in Washington D.C. on other related business, so a meeting was set up.

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On 02/08/2002, Bioport [redacted] met with [redacted] at the airport. According to [redacted] was looking for "security" for himself and fellow researchers who were [redacted] wanted to offer his knowledge and skills, along with his other colleagues, to Bioport for legitimate and peaceful purposes. [redacted] gave the impression he did not want the knowledge that he and other former co-workers had acquired to fall into the wrong hands, which is consistent with the article. At the end of the meeting, [redacted] told [redacted] they didn't see any opportunity or potential for Bioport to work with him.

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Subsequent to the meeting, the related discussion with [redacted] was reported by [redacted] to Bioport [redacted] It was also reported to [redacted] that [redacted]

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Upon examining the article, [redacted] reviewed the interview notes which were kept by Bioport officials as a result of the meeting with [redacted] In reviewing the notes, [redacted] appeared to be scattered and claimed to have not only worked with a number of different organisms, but also had access to quantities. It was unknown whether these organisms had been destroyed or still existed. [redacted] also briefly spoke with [redacted] and [redacted] and indicated, if necessary, would make them available for interview.

(S) [redacted] was not aware of any discussion with [redacted] on behalf of Bioport officials about other issues mentioned in the article, specifically about the South African Military or [redacted] (S) After receiving a copy of the article and the related inquiry from the Washington Post, he contacted LARA. [redacted] is very cognizant of the fact that when articles such as these are published, it can generate questions. [redacted] indicated that if Bioport officials would have been aware as to the context of the article, he would have notified LARA at the time the meeting occurred.

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[redacted] advised the Washington Post reporter making the inquiry was recontacted by [redacted] who confirmed that Bioport did meet with [redacted] Although unsure, [redacted] is under the assumption that there may be a forthcoming article in the Washington Post.

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[redacted] subsequently met with LARA to both confirm and articulate as to the purpose of Bioport's meeting with [redacted] Further, Bioport officials did not seek out initial contact with [redacted] but were contacted by him after being referred by [redacted] Although [redacted] offered to make [redacted] available for interview, LARA advised [redacted] at this point in time, individual interview was not necessary and the matter would be handled accordingly.

Bioport officials, specifically [redacted] continue to be cooperative and expeditiously provide relevant information. LARA will continue to have occasional contacts with [redacted] to maintain liaison.

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LARA considers this matter covered unless further direction is received from WMDOU and/or the Amerithrax Command Post.

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